

MIMOSA RUPERTIANA B.L. TURNER, A NEW NAME FOR *M.*
OCCIDENTALIS (WOOTON & STANDLEY) B.L. TURNER, NOT *M.*
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ABSTRACT

The recently proposed *Mimosa occidentalis* (Wooton & Standley) B.L. Turner (1994) is homonymous with the earlier *M. occidentalis* Britton & Rose (1928) and therefore illegitimate. The former is replaced by *Mimosa rupertiana* B.L. Turner, *nom. nov.*

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Rupert Barneby has kindly called to my attention a sloppy error on my part in which *Schrankia occidentalis* Wooton & Standley is transferred to *Mimosa* as *M. occidentalis* (Wooton & Standley) B.L. Turner, a homonym of *M. occidentalis* Britton & Rose (Turner 1994). This error was made in spite of the fact that Barneby (1991) has all of the New World nomenclature of *Mimosa* neatly catalogued in his exceptionally crafted "Sensitivae Censitae."

MIMOSA RUPERTIANA B.L. Turner, *nom. nov.* BASIONYM: *Morongia occidentalis* Wooton & Standley, *Contr. U.S. Natl. Herb.* 16:135. 1913. Not *Mimosa occidentalis* Britton & Rose (1928).

I am proposing the present name fully aware that there already exists a *Mimosa barnebianae* Firtybati & Tressens honoring the remarkable Rupert Barneby for his extraordinary work on the genus *Mimosa*. Indeed, the additional eponym created here for this very distinctive member of yesteryears' *Schrankia* does not, in my opinion, honor the man sufficiently. In truth he is a hero of mine, although we may disagree as to the rank of this or that element within *Mimosa*.

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